

## SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

*Convention signed at Washington May 24, 1897*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification, with an amendment, February 28, 1899*<sup>1</sup>

*Ratified by the President of the United States, with an amendment, March 1, 1899*<sup>1</sup>

*Ratified by Chile November 20, 1899*

*Ratifications exchanged at Washington March 12, 1900*

*Entered into force March 12, 1900*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States March 12, 1900*

*Expired in accordance with its terms*

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The Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Chile, signed August 7, 1892,<sup>2</sup> having expired, and the Commission thereunder established to adjust amicably the claims made by the citizens of either country against the Government of the other having failed, through limitation, to conclude its task, leaving certain claims duly presented to the said commission unadjudicated, the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Chile, desiring to remove every cause of difference in the friendly relations that happily exist between the two Nations, have agreed to revive the said convention of August 7, 1892, and for that purpose have named as their Plenipotentiaries, to wit:

The President of the United States of America, the Honorable John Sherman, Secretary of State of the United States; and

The President of the Republic of Chile, Señor Don Domingo Gana, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Chile in the United States of America:

Who have agreed upon the articles following:

### ARTICLE I

The High Contracting Parties agree to revive the Convention of August 7, 1892, between the United States of America and the Republic of Chile,

<sup>1</sup> The U.S. amendment called for deletion of the phrase "within six months from the date hereof" following the word "possible" at the end of the first paragraph of art. II.

The text printed here is the amended text as proclaimed by the President.

<sup>2</sup> TS 42, *ante*, p. 535.

and that the commission thereunder created shall be allowed for the transaction of its business a period of four months, to be reckoned from the day of its first meeting for business, and conforming, in other respects, with the provisions of the second paragraph of Article VIII of the said Convention. Nevertheless, if the period of four months before stipulated shall prove insufficient for the settlement of the claims, the Commissioners are authorized to extend, at their discretion, such period to one or two months more.

It is expressly stipulated that this article shall in no wise extend or change the period designated by the first paragraph of Article VIII of the said Convention for the presentation of the claims; so that the new Commission shall be limited to considering the claims duly presented to the former Commission in conformity with the terms of the Convention and with the Rules that governed its labors, excepting claim No. 7, of the North and South American Construction Company, which was subsequently withdrawn, a direct and final settlement thereof having been arrived at by the interested parties.

## ARTICLE II

The present convention shall be ratified by the President of the United States of America, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and by the President of the Republic of Chile, with the approbation of the National Congress thereof, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington, at as early a day as possible.<sup>3</sup>

In testimony whereof we have signed the present convention in the English and Spanish languages, in duplicate, affixing thereto our respective seals, the Plenipotentiary of Chile declaring that he signs the same "*ad referendum*".

Done at the city of Washington, the 24th day of May in the year of Our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

JOHN SHERMAN	[SEAL]
DOMINGO GANA	[SEAL]

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<sup>3</sup> For an amendment of art. II, see footnote 1, p. 541.